

FIREMEN SELECTED

Mayor Hatch's Candidates Were Pushed to the Front

Increase in Camden Fire Department Agreed Upon After Sharp Contest

The trouble over the selection of new firemen from the Second, Eleventh and Twelfth wards of Camden was settled at an executive session of the Fire Commissioners last evening. As predicted in The Inquirer on Sunday last, John W. Vanhart and Edgar Bolton, backed by Mayor Hatch and Councilman McGill, were selected from the Second ward, and Councilman Longacre in the Eleventh ward and Councilman Leas in the Twelfth landed their candidates.

Prior to the meeting a delegation of Second ward Republicans marched to fire headquarters wearing badges inscribed, "For firemen, Second ward, John W. Vanhart and W. Scott Franklin." The latter was a candidate against Bolton, who also had a number of friends present. There was no opposition to the appointment of Vanhart.

As the delegation crowded in on the second floor of the fire house there was a cracking noise that sounded as if the floor was giving away. This caused a rush, but the alarm soon subsided.

The Commissioners were in secret session for nearly a half hour before they finally settled the contest over the Second ward appointments. Mayor Hatch, Councilman McGill and Freeholder Whyte were each called before the Commission. The latter favored the appointment of Franklin. After the Second ward appointments were settled it did not take long to decide upon the new firemen from the Eleventh and Twelfth wards. Councilman Arnold, who has been opposing Councilman Longacre's candidates in the Eleventh ward, was not present, neither was Councilman Lee, who was opposing the men backed by Councilman Leas in the Twelfth ward.

The men selected for firemen from these two wards are as follows: Eleventh ward, Robert Gick, Joseph Till, Edward Kelly and Christian Stark; Twelfth ward, Samuel Colons, William Madison, John Renner and Josiah Pedgree.

The following were promoted to foremen. George F. Cox, foreman Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; George Wade, Hook and Ladder Company No. 2; Samuel Peoples, Hook and Ladder Company No. 3; Charles Robinson, Chemical Engine Company No. 1, Edward Weston, Hose Company No. 1, East Side; Albert C. Jones, Hose Company No. 2, East Side.

The appointments, together with those made last Thursday evening, will be confirmed by City Council to-morrow night.